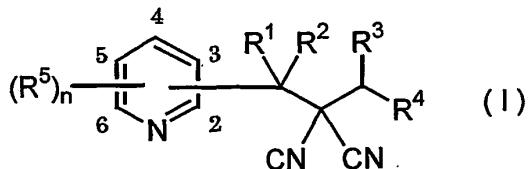


## CLAIMS

1. A malononitrile compound represented by the formula  
(I):



5 wherein, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C1 to C5 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C5  
10 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkynyl or a hydrogen atom;  
R<sup>2</sup> represents a C1 to C5 (halo)alkyl, a C1 to C5  
15 (halo)alkyloxy, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C5  
20 (halo)alkynyl, hydrogen atom or a cyano; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the  
same or different and are a C1 to C6 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C6  
25 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C6 (halo)alkynyl, a C3 to C6  
30 (halo)cycloalkyl, a C4 to C6 (halo)cycloalkenyl or a  
hydrogen atom, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together may form a C2 to C6  
35 (halo)alkylene or a C4 to C6 (halo)alkenylene; R<sup>5</sup>  
40 represents a halogen atom, a cyano, a nitro, a C1 to C4  
45 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C4  
50 (halo)alkynyl, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkyloxy, a C1 to C4  
55 (halo)alkylthio, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkylsulfinyl, a C1 to C4  
60 (halo)alkylsulfonyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkylcarbonyl, a C2  
65 to C4 (halo)alkyloxycarbonyl, a C2 to C4  
70 (halo)alkylcarbonyloxy, a phenoxy or a phenylthio (the  
75 above-mentioned phenoxy and phenylthio may be substituted  
80 with a halogen atom or a C1 to C3 alkyl); n is an integer

of 0 to 4 and when n is 2 or more, R<sup>5</sup> may be the same or different.

2. A pesticide composition comprising the malononitrile compound according to claim 1 as active ingredient and an inert carrier.
3. A method for controlling pests comprising applying an effective dose of the malononitrile compound according to claim 1 to pests or habitat of pests.
4. Use of the malononitrile compound according to claim 1 as a pesticide composition.